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SUBJECT: GDR THREATS AGAINST PLANNED CDU MEETING IN BERLIN

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1. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD LASSUS OF CONVERSATION ON ABOVE SUBJECT HELD WITH SOVIET (EMBASSY) MINISTER KHOTULEV AND FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV AT LUNCH ON JUNE 9:
2. QUOTE: KHOTULEV ATTACKED US ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR JUNE 17. I VERY QUICKLY INTERRUPTED HIM TO TELL HIM THAT IF HE WANTED TO MAKE REMARKS TO US SUCH AS MITDANK HAD MADE TO KUNZE (I.E. THE GDR WOULD CONSIDER ANY DEMONSTRATION "IN BERLIN" AS A VIOLATION OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT), WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THEM.
3. HE RETORTED THAT MITDANK HAD NEVER SAID THAT AND THAT WE WERE
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POORLY INFORMED OF THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE SENAT. IT WAS EASY TO RETORT THAT THEY, THE SOVIETS, DID NOT SEEM VERY WELL INFORMED THEMSELVES IN THIS CASE.

4. KHOTULEV - SECONDED AS ALWAYS BY TYUTYUNOV WHO WAS FIRM BUT, FOR ONCE, NOT AGGRESSIVE - EXPLAINED TO US THAT A DEMONSTRATION DIRECTED AGAINST THE GDR AND THE USSR TWO HUNDRED METERS FORM

THE WALL COULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIpartite A
AGREEMENT.

5. WE REMINDED THEM THAT THE GDR, THROUGH THE PERSON OF HERR
KOHL IN BONN, HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
WHICH HAD MADE KNOWN ITS POSITION.

6. KHOTULEV SEEMED INFORMED ABOUT THIS DEMARCHE BUT FOR HIM
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WEST BERLIN. IT
WAS THEREFORE THE ALLIES WHO ARE INVOLVED.

7. IN RESPONSE, I SAID, TO BEGIN WITH, THAT THE FRG WAS
INVOLVED SINCE THE DEMONSTRATORS CAME FROM THE FRG. WE THEN
DEVELOPED THE IDEA, WELL KNOWN TO THE RUSSIANS, OF FREEDOM OF
OPINION, OF SPEECH, AND OF ASSEMBLY AND THAT WE WERE NOT
GOING TO PROHIBIT THE DEMONSTRATION AS THE RUSSIANS SEEMED TO
BE ASKING US TO DO.

8. AFTER SEVERAL EXCHANGES OF COMMENTS OF THIS KIND, DURING
THE COURSE OF WHICH I REMARKED THAT FOR ITS PART THE GDR DID NOT
RESTRAIN ITSELF FROM EXPRESSING OPINIONS THAT WE COULD
NOT ACCEPT -- TYUTYUNOV AGREED WITH THAT -- KHOTULEV SUDDENLY
CLOSED THE SUBJECT BY SAYING APPROXIMATELY: OK, WE HAVE COMPLETED
OUR MISSION. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED;
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT THE GDR ENTIRELY.

9. THE SOVIETS DID NOT, STRICTLY SPEAKING, RESORT TO THREATS.
ONCE AGAIN THEY WERE FIRM BUT MODERATE.

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10. I ASK MYSELF IF, IN GIVING US THEIR VIEW THAT THE
DEMONSTRATION ITSELF WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A VIOLATION OF
THE QA, AND DESPITE THEIR DENIAL OF MITDANK'S REMARKS, THEY
DID NOT HAVE IN MIND AT LEAST PARTIALLY THE OBJECTIVE OF
REMOVING THE ARGUMENT OF A VIOLATION OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT
THAT WE THINK IS EASY TO COUNTER.

11. IN VIEW OF THIS EXCHANGE OF REMARKS, I DO NOT SEE THE
UTILITY OF MAKING A PREVENTIVE DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE
BONN GROUP HAD ENVISAGED.

12. USBER COMMENT. LASSUS REPORTED THAT THE SOVIETS, IN
ACCEPTING THE LUNCHEON INVITATION, HAD MADE IT KNOWN THAT THEY
HAD TWO PIECES OF BUSINESS TO TAKE UP, THE JUNE 17
DEMONSTRATION, AND REICHSBAHN TARIFFS (SEPTER FOLLOWS ON THAT
SUBJECT). THEY THEREFORE HAVE NOT MADE A PRE-EVENT PROTEST
COMPARABLE TO WHAT THEY DID IN AUGUST 1976 WITH RESPECT TO THE
STERNFAHRT. WHILE THE FRENCH RESPONSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLEARER,
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN VIEW THAT A VIOLATION

FO THE QA WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE EVENT THE GDR HOLDS UP
TRAVELERS -- THE SOVIETS CAN BE IN NO DOUBT OF THE NEGATIVE
REACTION THE WEST WILL HAVE TO ANY AUTOBAHN STOPPAGES. IN LIGHT
OF THE FOREGOING AND OUR INABLILITY TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHAT SOME
JUNGE UNION MEMBERS MIGHT HAVE WITH THEM IN THE WAY OF PLACARDS, ETC.

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WE LEAN TOWARD THE VIEW THAT PREEEMPTIVE DEMARCHE WOULD
PROBABLY SERVE NO PURPOSE AT THIS JUNCTURE. DAVIS

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